





# Our Story

- Qaujigiartiit was created in 2006 out of a need for community-driven research, which addressed health priorities in Nunavut
- We started with 1 part-time staff member and now have 4 full-time staff at our office in Iqaluit and between 6-10 casual staff across the territory working on different projects at any given time
- Our staff have a variety of expertise: public health, nursing, Indigenous studies, and epidemiology.



Inuksuk, Pangnaitung, NU, 2007



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- Our centre works to build capacity for research in Nunavut by providing training workshops in research methods, interviewing, and ethics.
- Qaujigiartiit does not have core funding (but we need it!) and currently operates on a project-based funding model.
- We have brought more than \$12 million into Nunavut since 2006.
- Between 2006-08 we held public engagement sessions across Nunavut to identify community health priorities for health research



Playground, Arviat, NU, 2009



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- Participants identified 5 priorities for health and health research in Nunavut
  - Mental health and well-being
  - Physical health and well-being
  - Healthy Family Life
  - Traditional and Spiritual Values
  - Prevention, Education, Support and Livelihood



Stretching/drying seal skins, Cape Dorset, NU, 2007

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We believe in a community health model that builds on

- the strengths of our knowledge,
- the spirit that is inherent in our way of life,
- the capacity that exists in our communities

to foster a healthy environment for future generations.



Tooink Tyne, Iqaluit, NU, 2010

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Working together for the common good



Photo credit: Apphia Kulluaik, Iqaluit, 2010

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As a research centre created by and for *Nunavummiut*, how are we going to do research??



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**Piliriqatigiinniq**

*Iqqaumaqatigiinniq*

- Concept of knowing coming into 'one'
- Data analysis
- Immersion and Crystallization (Borkan, 1999)
- Finding meaning and understanding



Sun dogs - full halo  
 Iqaluit, NU, 2007

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**Piliriqatigiinniq**

*Pittiarniq*

- Being good or kind
- Ethics
- Consent
- Protection of the Stories
- Rigour/Accountability of the researcher



'Friendships make us happy'  
 Photo credit: Apphia Kulluakik, Iqaluit, NU, 2010

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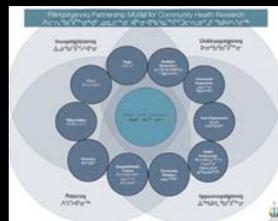
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**Piliriqatigiinniq**

- *Piliriqatigiinniq* is the concept for working in a collaborative way for the common good.
- Developed the Model in the formative years of the centre.
- Governs how research should be conducted, both within the centre and by the researchers with whom the centre engages.




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